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The necessary provision has accordingly been included in the budget estimates for the next year. Additional staff has also been provided under Working Expenses for strengthening the existing staff of the water works establishment on account of the anticipated completion of the second stage of the water works.

31. *Town Planning Scheme.*—The schemes prepared by Mr. Krumbiegel, Architect and Town Planner for the improvements of the town, have been approved generally by Government. The Avenue road from Kaudiar to Vellayambalam, main road from East Fort Gate to Cantonment Junction, the Arattu road, etc., have already been brought under the Town Planning Regulation IV of 1108, and the Municipality has been asked to prepare and submit draft Town Planning schemes in respect of these areas for the approval of Government.

The improvement of the Thampanoor area will be taken up as a separate scheme and the matter is under the consideration of Government.

In the current year's budget, as will be seen from para 27 of the last year's budget speech, provision for the expenditure under the Town Planning schemes was included partly under Advances and partly under expenditure charged to revenue. It has been now decided to treat the whole scheme as a single capital project classified under "Capital not charged to revenue." A comprehensive estimate and a programme for the entire scheme is proposed to be drawn up and the financial results of the scheme showing the probable receipts expected from the scheme on account of the sales of house sites, etc., and the net cost to Government will also be shown therein.

A lump sum of Rs 10 lakhs has been provided under capital for these schemes in the budget for the next year.

32. *The Council Chamber.*—The question of constructing a suitable building for holding the meetings of the Legislature was under consideration for some time past. It was finally decided that the Council Chamber might be constructed in the premises of the Public Office building as an extension to the existing building. The site was also approved by Mr. Krumbiegel, Architect and Town Planner. The foundation stone of the new Council Chamber was laid by His Excellency the Viceroy in December 1933. The designs of the buildings were prepared by Mr. Krumbiegel and detailed working drawings and estimates were prepared by the Chief Engineer. The estimate prepared by him for the construction of the north wing is under the consideration of Government. Meanwhile, tenders were invited for the construction of the building.

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